

NOTICE

Western Power 330kV Mid-West Augmentation New Facilities Investment Test

FINAL DETERMINATION

The Economic Regulation Authority has determined that Western Power's application for a new facilities investment test for its proposed 330 kV Mid-West augmentation meets the test requirements.

Western Power submitted its application, to spend \$300 million on a 330 kV transmission line and associated works in the Mid-West region of Western Australia, under section 6.71 of the *Electricity Networks Access Code 2004*.

Under the Access Code, the determination depends on the new facilities investment proceeding as proposed. The Authority considers this to include the proposed transmission line being constructed as planned and the cost not exceeding the forecast in Western Power's application. In the event that the cost of the transmission line is less than the forecast cost, it is the actual cost that meets the new facilities investment test.

The [final determination](#) and other [related documents](#) are available on the Authority's web site.

BACKGROUND

Under the Access Code, a service provider may at any time ask the Authority to conduct a new facilities investment test on actual or forecast new facilities investment. The Authority must make and publish a determination within a reasonable time after having consulted with the public.

The Authority received Western Power's new facilities investment test application for its proposed 330 kV Mid-West augmentation in April 2008. In response, the Authority prepared an issues paper and invited comments from interested parties. The Authority released a draft determination in early August, providing interested parties with a further opportunity to comment before the final determination was issued.

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